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The Lily of Killarney

OPERA IN THREE ACTS

By Sir Julius Benedict

Sir Julius Benedict's "Lily of Killarney," based on Gerald Griffin's novel, "The Collegians," opens on a bright note, a dinner-party in the great Hall of Torc Cregan, where Mrs. Cregan and her only son, Hardress, are entertaining their friends and tenants. In song Hardress extols the merits of the bachelor life. After the party has broken up to watch an impromptu moonlight steeplechase, Corrigan, a gombeen-man and land-grabber, tells Mrs. Cregan that unless the family fortunes are improved by Hardress' marriage with the wealthy Anne Chute, he will foreclose on the mortgage he holds on the estate. He hints at another possibility, his acceptance as Hardress' step-father. His advances are rejected.

We are introduced to Danny Mann, Hardress' boatman, foster-brother, crippled in youth by his beloved Hardress. The inner story then unfolds itself. Hardress is secretly married to the beautiful, but penniless orphan, Eily O'Connor, the ward of Father Tom. She has another guardian, the light-hearted smuggler and illicit distiller, Myles na gCopaleen. In Eily's cabin we hear Hardress try to recover from Eily the certificate which is the only evidence of their marriage. He is outwitted by Father Tom and the faithful Myles.

In the Second Act we see Hardress, at his mother's bidding, becomes a suitor for the hand of Anne Chute, but he is haunted by his love for Eily. Danny Mann has offered to remove Eily from Hardress' path, the agreed token being the latter's glove.

Mrs. Cregan, on learning of the entanglement, abstracts the glove and hands it to Danny. He entices Eily out in his boat and is attempting to drown her when Myles, from his smuggler's hide-out, shoots at what he thinks to be an otter, wounding Danny Mann, who sinks in the waters of the lake. Myles rescues Eily and conceals her in his cottage. Thinking he has killed Danny, he is terrified. The boatman is not dead, but lives long enough to confess the plot against Eily's life. Hardress is arrested on the point of marrying Anne Chute, charged with complicity in Eily's murder. However, in a dramatic denouement, the living Eily is produced, and the opera ends on a happy note, the acknowledgment of the long-concealed marriage.

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Friday, 27th October Wednesday, 1st November, and Saturday, 4th November.

At 7.45 p.m.

The Lily of Killarney

(Benedict)

Eily O'Connor		 ,		Josephine Scanlon
Myles na gCopali	leen	 		Frank Ryan
Hardress Cregan	×	 		Nicholas Lewis
Danny Mann (a E	Boatman)	 		John Lynskey
Mrs. Cregan		 		Eily Murnaghan
Anne Chute		 		Noelle Jeanette
Mr. Corrigan		 a *** 101	100	Jack Harte
Father Tom		 Vinda Color		Martin Dempsey
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SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY

ACT I.

Scene I: The Hall in Torc Cregan.

Scene 2: A pass leading to the Gap of Dunloe.

Scene 3: Interior of Eily's Cottage.

ACT 2.

Scene 1: Exterior of Torc Cregan. Scene 2: Exterior of Eily's Cottage.

Scene 3: The Water Cave.

ACT 3.

Scene 1: Exterior of Myles' Cottage. Scene 2: A Ballroom in Castle Chute.

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Conductors: D. Michael Brierly. Capt. J. P. Brennock.

Producer: J. J. Henry.

Leader of the Orchestra: Jack Cheatle. Chorus Master: Capt. J. P. Brennock.

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